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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: Letter from Admiral Anderson to Mr. Colby

At the right is a feedback memorandum from Admiral Anderson to Mr. Colby which, in part, comments on NRP management. As you know, the PFIAB has been a strong advocate on the retention of the NRO as a specially treated enterprise.

The memorandum cites two activities which are underway and of which we were not aware:

a. Examination of the original directives about the NRP;

b. Creation of an "omnibus" NSCID which includes the NRP as a normal program.

We informally contacted the PFIAB Staff on this subject and ascertained the following:

a. The IC Staff has prepared an "omnibus" NSCID which includes all intelligence activities except one program.

b. The NRO is included.

c. Unclassified statements of missions and functions are included in the draft NSCID.

d. The NSCID is responsive to Mr. Colby's generally stated desires.

e. The draft is being circulated in-house at CIA only.

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f. There is not full agreement in-house and objections stem mainly from the clandestine side.

g. Individual members of the PFIAB are apprehensive about the NRP becoming "normalized" in this fashion.

We believe that "normalization" of the NRP in this way would be unwise since it would soon lead to the "normalization" of the management structure. In addition, we have no evidence that the "fact of" problems have been addressed in the draft "omnibus" NSCID.

This memorandum is for your information, however, we suggest that you personally consult with Dr. Martin or Mr. Colby on the matter so that you may be assured that adequate recognition of the NRO's special problems has been made. We feel that both this problem and the security standardization problem studied in-house at the CIA are "efficiency expert" approaches to a complex situation.

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